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## Wetaskiwin Seed Fair Brings Out Finest Exhibits

The Wetaskiwin Seed Fair, which was held in the U.F.A. hall on Saturday afternoon last, was a decided success from every standpoint. Many fine samples of grain were brought in competition, and some of these, it entered in the Provincial Fair, would undoubtedly be in the money class. All the entries in wheat were award variety, with the exception of two, which were Garnet. The prize winners were:

Wheat—1. E. W. Peterson; 2. C. M. Jackson; 3. Andrew Brandt; 4. T. H. Howes (Garnet); 5. W. Milston.

Short oats—1. Edmund Soderstrom; 2. G. T. Rasmussen; 3. Victor Hanson.

Long oats—1. Andrew Brandt; 2. Nels Linden; 3. Henry Young.

Barley—1. G. T. Rasmussen; 2. Emil Rasmussen; 3. Henry Young.

Potatoes—1. T. H. Howes; 2. G. T. Rasmussen; 3. O. G. Rasmussen.

Very fine quality exhibits of yellow peas, chick peas and alfalfa were displayed by E. R. Rasmussen.

There were seven competitors in the junior grain judging competition. Gordon Ballhorn came first, thereby becoming the holder of the Bank of Montreal trophy for another year. Edward Sparks was second.

The judges were Messrs. Buckingham and Holman of the seed branch, department of agriculture.

## Town Topics

John F. Inglis went to Calgary Wednesday afternoon to spend Christmas with friends.

On Wednesday a very large number of hampers were sent to residents in the vicinity of Pigeon Lake.

The friends of Geo. F. Root are pleased to learn that he is improving nicely after a recent serious illness.

Mr. Byron Hanson will be at home from Calgary to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hanson.

The Wetaskiwin students attending the University of Alberta, arrived home Saturday last for the festive season.

The schools in the city closed for the Christmas holidays Wednesday afternoon, and will be re-opened on Monday, January 4th.

Mrs. Curt Smith, who has been visiting relatives and friends in New York and other places in the east, returned home Monday evening.

C. Bye, who spent the summer at Lea Park, returned to Wetaskiwin a few days ago, where he expects to spend the winter.

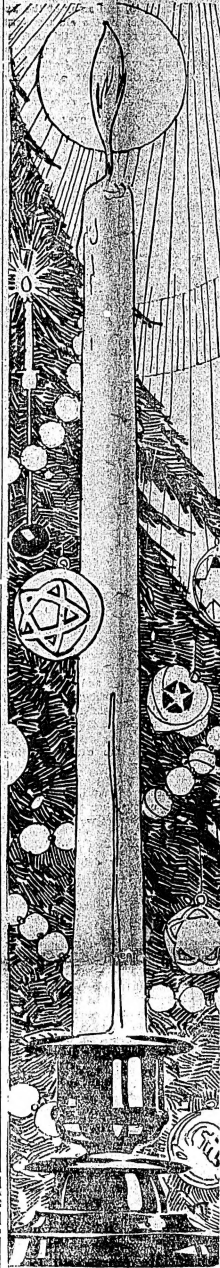
Mrs. Fred Strohlein, of Wetaskiwin district, was the winner of the quilt which was raffled off in aid of several needy families.

Curt Paul Smith, who is attending college in Edmonton, arrived home a few days ago, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents.

Gordon French, principal of Lamont High and Public Schools, arrived in Wetaskiwin Wednesday afternoon to spend Christmas under the parental roof.

Mrs. Beth Watson, teacher at Home Glen district, arrived home Wednesday afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watson.

Nearly all the Protestant churches in Wetaskiwin held their Christmas tree entertainments during the past week, at which Santa Claus presented the usual gifts to the children.



The Times wishes its readers  
A Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas to each one  
From early morn 'til set of sun,  
Merry Christmas to you all,  
Whether you are big or small.

Whether you are young or old,  
Greetings to you often told,  
I must wish and wish again—  
It's a happy old refrain.

May your Christmas be so jolly,  
With greens and mistletoe and holly,  
With presents and a lot of cheer  
And a following happy year.

Merry Christmas to each one  
From early morn 'til set of sun,  
Merry Christmas to you all,  
Whether you are big or small.

Mary Graham Bonner.

ETERNAL Foe OF CRUELTY.

Much as Christmas has meant to humanity, it has meant no less to those lowlier fellow creatures who share with men life's joys and sorrows. Whatever the burden of suffering that rests upon the animal world today, it is less by many fold than it was before that night when a little child was born in the stable at Bethlehem inn. The spirit of Christmas is the eternal foe of cruelty. No man who yields to its sway can look with other than kindly eyes upon the least of those living things who have capacity for pain.

Attention is directed to the card of Dr. Janzen, dentist, in the professional column in this issue.

## Obituary

CARL T. ANDERSON

Another of the old time residents of the community passed away at the home of Mrs. Sall Anderson on Sunday, December 20, in the person of Carl T. Anderson, at the age of eighty-two years. He was born in Sweden and had been a resident of Alberta for thirty-one years.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, services being conducted in the Moore's Undertaking Chapel by Rev. P. M. Meyer. Interment took place in the Wetaskiwin cemetery.

ARTHUR WEAVER

The funeral of the late Arthur Weaver, who was killed in the automobile accident on Saturday evening, December 19, took place on Tuesday afternoon, services being conducted in Immanuel Church by Rev. P. C. Wade. A large number were in attendance to pay their last tribute of respect. The pallbearers were schoolmates from the Larch Tree school. Deceased leaves to mourn his untimely end, his father and mother, one sister, Louise, and a large circle of friends. The interment took place in the Wetaskiwin cemetery.

J. G. GRIFFITHS

Funeral services for Jeffery G. Griffiths, 72 years of age, who died Sunday morning at the family residence, were held Tuesday afternoon from the Armstrong funeral home, Rev. F. H. Wilkinson officiating. Interment was made in the family plot in the Burialland cemetery.

Mr. Griffiths, who was born in India, had a varied career. Following the completion of his studies in England, he returned to India, where he served in the British army for 27 years, then came to Canada. He resided in Edmonton and Wetaskiwin until 1927 when he came to Calgary.

While in India, Mr. Griffiths was a member of the expedition which took part in the forced march to Kandahar, under Lord Roberts. He took part in several different campaigns on the northwest frontier, and served in the C.E.F. during the Great War as military instructor.

While a resident of Wetaskiwin he was with the freight department of the C.P.R. and he took a keen interest in local activities, being a scoutmaster there. He was also president of the G. W. V. A. He retired upon coming to Calgary.

Survived by his wife, Madeline, he is survived by three daughters, Phoebe and Ellen, at home, and Mrs. William Vanastine, of Wetaskiwin; two sons, Stanley, also of Wetaskiwin, and Robert H., of Calgary—Calgary Herald.

A PIONEER PASTOR  
GONE TO HIS REWARD

On Dec. 10th, Rev. O. J. Satre passed away at his home at Kincaid, Sask. In the departure of Rev. Satre the Norwegian Lutheran Church has lost one of its foremost pioneer pastors. He has possibly travelled more among pioneer settlers in the States and in Canada than any other pastor of his Synod.

Last summer he completed his fiftieth year in the ministry, and during all these years he had been ministering to the spiritual needs of the settlers out on the frontiers in the Western States and here in Canada. Some twenty or twenty-five years back he resided in Wetaskiwin. He has organized the Lutheran congregation, east of Ponoka, and also Zion congregation at the west end of Hay Lakes, and he has served all the congregations of the Norwegian Lutheran pastorate of Wetaskiwin.

Up to the time of his death, at the age of 78, he was in the work of his chosen profession. Now he has been called to his reward, and is enjoying the Sabbath rest reserved for God's people.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers in Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, A.F. & A.M., took place on Monday evening last, and resulted as follows:

W.M.—Bro. T. Marsden.  
S.W.—Bro. John F. Inglis.  
J.W.—Bro. J. E. Fraser.  
Treas.—Bro. Chas. Boyer.  
Sec.—W. Bro. Geo. D. Wallace.  
The installation of officers takes place on Monday evening next.

The officers of Mount Hope Chapter, R.A.M., for the ensuing year, were elected on Monday evening, as follows:

1st Prin.—Ex-Comp. Geo. F. Inglis.  
2nd Prin.—Ex-Comp. Jas. Vickers.  
3rd Prin.—Comp. Earl Warren.  
Treasurer—Comp. Chas. Boyer.  
Scribe—E. R. Ex-Comp. Geo. D. Wallace.

Scribe—N. Comp. John F. Inglis.  
P.S.—Comp. J. Calton.  
T.V.—Comp. Geo. E. Wiseman.

The centrepiece donated by Mrs. A. E. Abernethy and affixed by the Ladies of the Royal Purple in aid of the Community Welfare League, was won by Mrs. G. A. Long. The draw was made at the Audien Theatre on Monday evening last by Jackie Brown, assisted by Mr. R. J. Grant and Chief McElhargy.

## Several Auto Accidents During Week; One Fatal

A gloom was cast over the Wetaskiwin community on Saturday evening, when it was learned that Arthur Weaver, aged 12 years, had met with a fatal accident about two miles north of Wetaskiwin that evening, when a truck driven by Gerald Holt of New Norway, and a large sedan of MacEachern at the wheel, collided. The injured boy who was a nephew of Mr. Cherrington, was rushed to the Wetaskiwin hospital, but died before reaching that institution.

Mr. Cherrington was also taken to the Wetaskiwin hospital, where examination showed that he had his breast bone and several ribs broken, besides being badly cut and bruised. He is now recovering as well as can be expected. Mr. Holt escaped with slight bruises. Weather conditions appear to have been responsible for the accident, as a heavy fall of snow, blown by a strong wind, was falling at the time. The car was almost demolished, while the truck was only slightly damaged.

A jury consisting of J. F. Richards, Dr. MacEachern, J. F. Ellis, Thos. Torson, J. S. Thomson and Ed. Peterson, was empanelled Monday afternoon by Dr. McColgan, coroner, which viewed the remains and received the evidence of Dr. T. B. Stevenson, attending physician, who stated that he thought the cause of death was concussion. Court then adjourned until December 31st, to enable Constable Crouch to obtain evidence.

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## The Christmas Spirit

Much is written about the "Christmas spirit" at this season. Magazines and newspapers try to stir up interest to foster it. But what is it? What prompts it, and how does it manifest itself? Christmas has become a festival of almost universal celebration. But, for the most people, celebration is a mere word. They would find it difficult to give a definite reason for their festivities. They would speak vaguely of "peace and goodwill" among men, of sentiments of brotherhood and unselfishness, and if they mention the child in the manger at all, they draw a picture of Him that is but a caricature of His true self and the purpose of His coming into the world. What reason have most people to offer to justify their Christmas celebration?

The true Christmas spirit can emanate only from a heart which sees in the miracle of Bethlehem the "mystery of Godhead," God manifested in the flesh, and rejoices over the fact, that in the Babe of Bethlehem Salvation has come, and is offered "to all men." Where men gather around the manger bed of this infant Jesus, the "Word made flesh," the Son of God, the world's Redeemer, adoring Him as such, they are sure to find true unalloyed joy. With their sins forgiven, their life's problems solved, their happy eternity settled, men can indeed be happy, and can show cause for the Christmas spirit. Then the Christmas spirit is the natural expression of happy and grateful hearts. It is based on the blessed truth proclaimed by the angel: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Where there is such a settled conviction of the grace of God, there also the true charity, which is inseparable from love, the Christmas spirit, will shine forth. Not only on the part of God, but also on the part of such men will there be "peace, and goodwill to men."

May, your Christmas be made bright by the true Christmas spirit: Faith in the Christ, gratitude towards God, charity from a pure heart.

ARTHUR APPELT.

## Christmas Day

One of the greatest, if not the greatest time of all times of festivities throughout Christendom is Christmas. Men eat and drink and indulge in all manner of selfish enjoyments. A few seek to make others happy.

What does Christmas really mean to us? Is it simply a day that we celebrate in merry-making, in giving and receiving of gifts? The world knows it is Christmas, but not why. The inn of this poor old world is so crowded that there is not room there for sorrow. And yet what a different world we would have if the Saviour had never come to it. To know the real meaning of Christmas, let us go with the shepherds "even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass."

The Gospel records enable us to see that in the thing which has come to pass in Bethlehem was fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son." The shepherds obeyed the message they received from Heaven to go to Bethlehem and "see this thing which is come to pass."

As we gaze today into the manger cradle we remember it was for our sakes He became poor. He took not on Him the nature of angels, but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. The Saviour of the world meets us at the extremity of our weakness and helplessness. The swaddling clothes and the manger were the sign of our lowliness. They stood for the whole course of self-denial which marked that holy life throughout, until the cruel Cross finished what the lowly manger had begun.

He has come to our hearts. You and I, too, have happy gatherings today, and in happy homes making each other glad, but no one can be happier on Christmas Day than the one who has found the Saviour, the one who has learned where to lay his sins, and sorrow. Behold Him! Bring you good tidings of peace, which shall be to all people. Oh! the joy, the great joy, to know that I am pardoned, I am saved, I am a child of God! What a Saviour!

Read the Bible and reader of the Christmas story, what is He your Saviour? If not, what is He to you? He is either your Saviour or your judge, and you are for Christ or against Him. Yourselves, be it impossible. To know the real meaning of Christmas and enjoy it, we must accept "God's unsearchable Gift."

Through the columns of The Wetaskiwin Times, I wish you a delightful and joyous Christmas for yourself and your home. A lasting joy that comes with the recognition of that which the Christmas festival commemorates.

P. M. MEYER.

## Good Tidings of Great Joy

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Once again we have Christmas here, celebrating the birth of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Usually when we celebrate the birth of some great man we look back on the history of his life and recollect what we owe to him. Would it not be appropriate for us at this birthday of Jesus to sit down and make out a list of what we really owe to Him. I think I will start the list by mentioning one of two things which we owe to Jesus.

In connection with the story of the first Christmas tree, we read that as in the 8th century the Christians of the East practised in the central and northern Europe in religious worship. But it is not so now since the Gospel of Jesus came in there. Yet in some heathen countries it is still common. In Africa, a few years ago, when I was there, children were killed to please their gods. Say, you fathers and mothers, don't you think we owe something to Jesus who doesn't ask for sacrifice but who gave Himself as a sacrifice, a ransom for all, a ransom for all?

Our women in particular ought to be thankful. If you had seen I.W. women in a heathen country are sold as wives to men they don't like and how they are treated, you would weep if you don't want to become a Christian, thank God from the depths of your heart for what Jesus has done for you.

But friends, we owe something more to Jesus. Ernest A. Hood in his "Up from the Ape" points out that "Lemurs do not weep. Neither walrus nor crocodiles weep—Man is the only cry baby in the animal kingdom." There is a reason. Science does not explain it—sin does. We have lost the image of God. But Christmas has a message of Good Tidings and of Great Joy because He who came here our sins in His body upon the Cross, and He is able to restore us unto the likeness of God. To all those who accept Him He gives the power to become the children of God. He takes away the eternal condemnation and gives us eternal life. Yes, friends, we owe this to Jesus Christ, without Him we are lost forever. Is the Saviour who died for you?

I also take this opportunity of wishing you one and all a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year. And as I return to my old working field I can assure you that bright memories of the invaluable Christian fellowship I have enjoyed with you during these last years will go with me.

ARVID N. WICKSTROM.

## Christ, the Wonder of the World

Text—Isa. 9:6: "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor." More than ever this year the mind of thoughtful men will turn towards Christ, the Christmas time. The world is gradually growing conscious that it needs to be saved from the present darkness, a consciousness that expresses the thought, "The ever impending doom of the world is at hand." The world is gradually growing conscious that the world's problems are ethical at the root, and that society needs the leadership of a super-human teacher, instead of the leadership of statesmen, philosophers, or "blind leaders of the blind." Centuries of Christian teaching have taught the world that it is frightfully ungrateful to reject Christ, but now the world is beginning to see that only blind stupidity could deny His teaching. The mind of Christ would revolutionize the world if it got a chance; but the modern man will take a chance on anything but Christ. Modern political expediency is a weakness to the flesh of idealists. Modern religionists of the hearts of the earth, while modern education makes clever rascals who are not even cultured in spite of bales of book knowledge.

Jesus could save society, but Christ is still excluded by ignorance, prejudice and materialism. Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem motives are as modern as the radio. Jesus is still the "Wonder of the world" as He has always been.

The birth of Jesus was wonderful. It was predicted, miraculous, and spectacular. It was heralded by angels, feared by kings, rejoiced at by sages, and witnessed to by the signs of the Zodiac.

II.—The Life of Jesus was wonderful. Geographically it was local and provincial in its scope and activities, yet it has been world wide and age long in its influence. Jesus is the immortal in Himself apart altogether from His death and resurrection.

III.—The Story of Jesus is wonderful. As literature, it is the story of the "King" of the Jews, the "Servant" of God, the "Son of Man" and the "Son of God."

IV.—The Character of Jesus was wonderful. It was suitably, serviceable, sane, sociable, and spiritually strong, just as His mind was humble and obedient to God, and yet keen, quick, and clever in His dealings with men.

V.—The Influence of Jesus has been wonderful. The whole world has heard about the life of Jesus in a story and has executed as a criminal, and yet laid down His life as a sacrifice for sin. Art, literature, prose, poetry, music, philanthropy, and everything would be dead without Jesus. All the spite in the New York Times would be utterly insufficient to tell of the wonderfulness of Jesus.

Let us think of Christ at Christmas time. Jesus is always stimulating, ethically effective, and spiritually satisfying.

C. J. MACKAY.

## Do You Believe in Santa Claus?

Have you ever had a small boy walk up to you and ask "Tell me, do you believe in Santa Claus?" This was my experience a few days ago, after which I looked as serious as I could, and replied, weakly enough, "Believe in Santa Claus? Of course, Fred, why not?" And without any delay or hesitation whatever back came the cheerful reply, "Well, you must believe in him."

Christmas centres in the child. The word Christmas at once calls to our mind a healthy, happy red-cheeked little chap with his latest toy in one hand, a candy or orange in the other. He is surrounded by grown-ups with radiant faces and happy hearts. Blessings on all such and may their tribe increase.

It is too much to hope that this Christmas is of necessity bringing in what may be a truer observance of the Children's Festival. The opportunity is standing at our door this year. Naturally and simply we can drop the expensive, over-ambitious habits that the previous years of plenty have allowed us to indulge in. The simple family celebration can be more satisfying and just as bright. The lighted tree stands pointing upward in its brightness. There are many ways of keeping Christmas, and to be sure, any way of keeping it which fills us with kind and charitable thoughts, which makes us more ready to help our fellows and to do our duty cheerfully and uprightly in the days to come, is a good way.

The influence of this blessed time extends far beyond those who understand its blessedness. It is the festival of home and of children; it is the time for making up old quarrels; it is the season of peace and joy for the world. If the vision of the Child in the manger teaches us even this, it is well. Thank God for it. The hard things through which we are passing will not fail in their value if by means of them we can penetrate to the wonderful vision of God incarnate vouchsafed to our worshipping gaze on Christmas Day.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town.  
It's anywhere there comes dawn.  
I am deeply grateful to the Editor for this opportunity of extending to all the readers of this paper my wish for A. Happy Christmas.

P. C. WADE.



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### YULETIDE SEASON A JOYOUS TONIC FOR CAREWORN WORLD

Come winds of the North, from the land of snow and ice, blow the horns and ring the bells. Spread the wings of Christmas. Christmas is needed everywhere. It takes the magic of Christmas time to change the drab and gloom to brighter colors and joy.

Christmas is a fine old tonic. It rejuvenates the earth and brings the pleasures of youth to all mankind. It brings relays of health and peace; of hope and cheer to a weary hardworking world. It brings new inspiration and adds zest to life. It brings the grace of happiness alike to the hovels of the poor and the mansions of the rich. It weaves evergreens into garlands of eternal hope and hangs them in the homes of men. It comes with simple pleasures for dreary lives and hangs a blazing star above the caverns of despair.

There is no charm like Christmas to drive out greed and selfishness, to soften hate and temper malice. It rebukes the lawless spirit. It brings to life and action the noblest traits of men. Christmas is the last and richest grace given to the dying year.

### STRANGE CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Many thousands of people enjoying Christmas at home in Canada are thinking of relatives or friends abroad and wondering how they will spend the day. But they can rest assured that, no matter where the absent ones are, they will celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner, for so strong are their memories of traditional customs that Christmas means as much to them on the Equator as it would were they in Canada.

Out in India the day is usually one of hot sunshine. Although holly is practically unobtainable, yet native mistletoe and boughs make excellent substitutes for decorations. Where there is a garrison school, a full dress church parade, Curiously enough open-air picnics are held in the afternoon, while dinner parties and fancy dress balls are the more conventional means of spending the evening.

In regions like Baffin Land the men in the isolated posts of the Hudson's Bay Company, pass the loneliest Christmas in the world, for they are absolutely cut off from the world each winter until the following July, and in many cases the last letters or presents they have received will have been posted in England as far back as the previous July. Yet these hard-bitten, fur-clad men manage to enjoy themselves.

Others are more fortunate, for air

malls and dog sleighs deliver their

All over the seven seas ships great and small are away on the waves for Christmas, but that never causes the day to be forgotten, rather it is anticipated with even more relish than at home. In the little fishery protection sloops, trawlers, coasting steamers, and ordinary thumps, special dinners with plum puddings are made aboard, and "dog-watches"—short spells of duty—are worked to enable the seamen to enjoy their share of the good things.

On the great Atlantic liners immense preparations are taken to ensure that Christmas is a success. Huge quantities of special Christmas provisions and drinks are carried, and these combined with crackers, beautiful decorations and a dance, make everyone happy.

The kiddies, too, are equally well catered for, for Father Christmas "lands" on the ship and distributes presents among them. In addition pierrot concerts keep them roaring, huge well-lit Christmas trees and a wonderful feed make them all look forward to another Christmas afloat.

Our own Christmas foods are so well known that it is interesting to hear about the different dishes favored abroad. Thus roast goose following a large pudding is enjoyed in Norway and Sweden, Germans also patronize roast goose followed by a pudding very similar to ours, and the whole is washed down with beer. More unusual is the roast sucking pig which delights the Serbians, and even stranger the sweet cakes of honey and wheat which tickle the palates of the Neapolitans.

### SANTA IS UP-TO-DATE

Santa Claus is a decidedly progressive old chap. He keeps strictly abreast of the times and in his workshop employs only modern-day methods. Once he went plodding over the fields in a sleigh no faster than reindeer could gallop. It took him a long time, but he managed to make the rounds.

Then came the automobile. Santa got a big red one and hitched trailers on behind. He could get around faster. He carried bigger loads, got to more homes and made more children happy. When airplanes flew over the North Pole Santa got another idea. He believed that planes would be better for his long trips and for slipping from housetop to housetop. He is hardly built for an air pilot, but nobody flies faster nor farther than plump, old Santa.

He does not fancy zeppelins, but he is sure that in another year or two he may be able to broadcast Christmas to the children by radio. As soon as carriers are invented to fly through the air, directed and landed by radio energy, old Santa will sit on his mountain of Northern ice and broadcast an up-to-date Christmas to all the world.

### DOUBT AS TO DATE

It is not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antonius Pius (131-161 A.D.). This however, is not historical. It has often been objected that December 25 cannot be the true date of the birth of Christ, for it is then

the rainy season in Palestine and shepherds would scarcely have been watching their sheep by night in the fields. The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. A widespread feast of the Great Mother may have influenced the decision, also the desire to place a Christian feast in opposition to the Roman feast of "Sol Invictus" at the winter solstice.

The Germans held their great Yule feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun, and many of the old customs, also the old German and Romans relating to this matter passed from heathenism to Christianity and have survived to the present day. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the days began to lengthen, and light to triumph over darkness, was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

### SHOPPING ABOARD AT CHRISTMAS

One would think that Christmas shopping and Christmas feeling would be the same all over the earth where Christmas is celebrated. But they are, funny enough, just as different for instance, as an Englishman and a Frenchman. It seems as if the constant moving or not moving at all, or even the fact of the constant paying out of good money calls forth the most primitive instincts in people and makes all nations revert to their own antediluvian selves during the month of Christmas shopping.

Take New York for instance. We have seen the amount of money and great gifts for advertising. We also know that when we worm our way through their blazing city in electric colors swarming with Santa Clauses driving real imported reindeer and enter their stores, full of the most luxurious gifts to be had for millions we can, with a good conscience kick and punch ourselves to our caveman's heart content without any risk of being rudely than any other people are.

In Paris people haven't got the physical strength of the Yankees, which makes them all the more vigorous. By the time we have passed the scolding cursing army of children aged 1 to 70 years, queuing up to see "Zig and Puce" and other comic strip heroes bob up and down in the shop windows, raking our lives, clothes and watchchain (you never get home with more than one of these, and are lucky enough at that) getting through the cursing-scolding crowd inside; and trying to persuade the deeply offended shop girls to let us have the parcels we paid for; why, even long before, then we have lost whatever self-respect we used to possess.

In Berlin there is no rush. People move around very deliberately and calculate in their minds at every new discovery how much cheaper they will be able to buy the thing during the sales in January. Consequently Christmas shopping is a very steady-going affair, while in January all thrifty German housewives fight like maenads to get the best bargains. In England people become even more English than usual during December. Everybody moves in the crowd as if he were alone in the world, there are more "Sorrlys," more polite holding the doors for other people, more conventional tradition to follow than at any other time of the year.

## COMMUNICATION

[We do not necessarily endorse the sentiments advanced by this or any other correspondent under this heading.—Ed.]

To the Editor of The Times.

Dear Sir: I have been asked to insert a letter in the columns of the Wetaskiwin Times regarding the erection of a new Hospital in the City of Wetaskiwin. I have talked with different parties on the subject, their objections, and have the building of a hospital if it is deemed necessary, but to the questionable means to be employed in raising the necessary funds. Not long ago this question was put to a vote of the ratepayers concerned, and badly defeated at the polls. If it is not a good thing for everybody, the people will vote for it. Why try underhand means? I read a letter by a Mr. Hodson, who advised all those who had been misled into signing a petition for a vote on this question, to write to the secretary of their respective Municipality, and have their names struck off the list. He says that now it can be built under the most favorable conditions. I agree that it is more than favorable, to those behind the project, in its present form, but what about the other side? I saw the list of names, and that unless 15 per cent of the ratepayers called for a vote on the question within 30 days, that the Council would proceed to take action, viz., force the farmers to pay for the hospital, whether they want it or not, by levying the amount they ask for against their land with interest for 15 years. Say, who are those 15 Councillors, anyway? Who gave them authority to run this country and deprive us of the rights accorded us in the constitution of our land? Are we still in free and civilized Canada, or have we drifted into Russia? Better watch your step, you fellows, and don't try to bite off more than you can chew. You know very well that if this thing goes to a vote in its present form that it will be defeated again. If you really need a hospital, build it. The people will help finance it, but don't start anything that is underhand, or has a Communist flag attached to it. No doubt it is a fine thing for the doctors, also. It gives more of them good fat positions, and those who don't want the hospital are compelled to make up the deficit in their charges to clients. Today you can't be born without a doctor, you can't live without a doctor, and you can't die properly without a doctor. If this goes through as it is, it will give them what they want, another strangle hold on the people.

J. F. CUMMINGS,  
Millet, Alberta.


### P. C. PETERSON WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER

Dear Friends: Another year nearly gone by, and, while 'this year' from a financial standpoint has not been as the most of us would have liked to have had it. Still, we have a great many things we have a right to be thankful for.

As near as we can tell, conditions generally in Canada and the U. S. are about the same, perhaps even a little worse here than they are up there, for I do not believe that the lot of people are out of work, and especially railway men so that naturally more people have to be fed by charity, county, or state.

We have had a very wet fall, so that the farmers have not been able to get their corn husking done. We also had very heavy winds so that a great deal of the corn is lying on the ground. Where they used to pay from 5c to 8c per bushel for husking, they are only paying from 2½c to 3c per bushel. So far we have had very little snow, which of course is all got now, and not very cold. I think 10 below freezing has been the coldest. We really do not expect much cold here until January or February.

Prices of farm products are very low. Today top for hogs was \$3.75, top steers \$10.25. To give you an idea how much livestock is marketed in Omaha. Today 15,000 hogs, 4,000 cattle, 8,000 sheep, some day it is less, other days, of course more. No. 1 wheat 69c, corn 38c, oats 22c. Pro-

Some folks will tell you that Business is BUSINESS; But we have found, in dealing with you, that Business is PLEASURE. We hope the pleasure has been mutual, and extend to you our sincere wishes for


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And A Happy New Year

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Happy and Prosperous  
New Year

**SMITH - GABLE**  
AGENCIES



Once again old Christmas comes  
With wishes ever new—  
May faith and joy both find their way  
Straight unto the heart of you.

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New Year

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MISS HOARE, Manager

duce is as follows: Fresh eggs, 22c; poultry, light hens 7c, heavy hens, 11c, cream 25c, dairy butter 15c to 16c, creamery butter 25c to 30c, milk testing 2.5 butterfat \$2.10 per 100 lbs, potatoes from 65c to 80c per bushel.

Now I think we have told you everything in a general way. As for ourselves, we are, all fairly well, and, wishing you all up there a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are, sincerely yours,  
P. C. Petersen and Family,  
1632 Ave. B. Co. Bluffs, Iowa.

Vicar (concluding story): "And now children, would you like to ask any questions?"  
Bobby: "Yes, sir. Please, how do you get into your collar?"

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## CHRISTMAS DINNERS ON THE HOOF



Part of the 75 head of prize beef cattle, stated to have been the finest ever exhibited at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, recently, and purchased by the Royal York Hotel for the Christmas and New Year's festivities. They include the first prize carload of Hereford steers raised by

the McIntyre Ranching Company, Ltd., of Leithbridge; the second prize carload of Aberdeen Angus steers bred at the Canadian Pacific Railway's central farm at Coaldale, Alta.; the fourth prize carload of shorthorn steers from the School of Agriculture, Alberta; and the fifth prize car-

load of Aberdeen Angus steers, raised by George Tall, of Warren, Manitoba.

The Royal York also purchased the Grand Champion Wethers, a southdown, exhibited at the Fair by Colonel Robert McDowen, of London, Ont., and a prize carload of ten lambs.

ANSWERING CEDRIC'S FAN MAIL IS YOUR JOB—ATTEND TO IT! AS HE IS NEW TO THE RADIO WORLD, I THINK IT BEST TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUESTS FOR PHOTOS, AUTOGRAPHS, OR WHATEVER THE WRITER ASKS FOR THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO GIVE! THAT SHOULD INCREASE THE DEAR BOY'S POPULARITY!

BUT—HERE'S TWENTY-SIX THAT ASK FOR—

DON'T BOTHER ME WITH DETAILS! I SAID, IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR REQUESTS, DO SO!

OKAY!

I GUESS IT'S POSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUESTS—ALRIGHT, SO—HERE GOES!

PA—WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

COMPLYING WITH THE REQUESTS OF TWENTY-SIX FEMALE FANS, WHO WROTE IN FOR A LOOK OF HIS HAIR!



# SIGHT UNSEEN

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

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TENTH INSTALLMENT

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the medium.

At the first sitting the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry learns that a neighbor, Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously. With Johnson, he goes to the Wells residence and they find confirmation of the medium's account. Mrs. Wells tells them that her husband shot himself in a fit of depression.

At a second seance, Miss Jeremy adds details about a summer resort where Charles Ellingham was known to have been at the same time that Mrs. Wells was there. She also speaks of pocketbook being lost which contained some important car tickets and letters. Mrs. Dane, alone of the women, seems thrilled by the investigation.

Johnson goes alone and investigates the deserted house. He is frightened by strange noises, as of an intruder in the house, but completes his investigation.

He visits Mrs. Dane and tells her how he had carried off the fire torch and left behind his overcoat in his excitement. She then tells him she had advertised for the finder of the pocketbook and turns over to Johnson an answer she had received from one having guilty knowledge of the crime. Dr. Sperry announces he is to be married to Miss Jeremy when the club meets again.

Hawkins, the butler, is identified as being the person who answered Mrs. Dane's advertisement. Johnson's missing overcoat is mailed to him, but the letters contained in a pocket are missing. Sperry accompanied by Johnson, makes another search in Wells' house for the letters written by the slayer.

## NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Our inspection of the curtains was hurried, but finally we found what we were looking for. In the lining of one of the curtains, near the bottom, a long, ragged cut had been made.

"Out in a hurry, with curved scissors," was Sperry's comment. "Probably manœuvre scissors."

The result was a sort of pocket in the curtain, concealed on the chintz side, which was the side which would hang toward the room.

"Probably," he said, "the curtain would have been better. It would have stayed anyhow. Whereas the bag—" He was flushed with triumph. "How in the world would Hawkins know that?" he demanded. "You can talk all you like. She's told us things that no one ever told her."

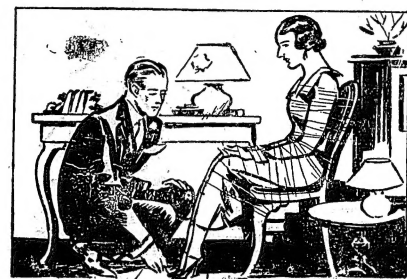
"We'll have a go at the floors under the carpets now," he said.

The dressing-room had a large rug, like the nursery above it, turning back the carpet was a simple matter.

There had been a stain beneath where the dead man's head had lain, but it had been scrubbed and scraped away. The boards were white for an area of a square foot or so.

Sperry eyed the spot with indifference. "Not essential," he said. "The point is, are there other spots?"

And, after a time, we found what we were after. The upper hall was carpeted, and my penknife came into requisition to lift the tacks. They came up rather easily, as if but recently put in. That, indeed, proved to be the case.



Robinson bound the medium to her chair and traced her feet on a sheet of white paper.

Just outside the dressing-room door the boards for an area of two square feet or more beneath the carpet had been scraped and scrubbed. With the lifting of the carpet came too, a strong odor, as of ammonia. But the stain of blood had absolutely disappeared.

Sperry, kneeling on the floor with the candle held close, examined the wood. "Not only scrubbed," he said, "but scraped down, probably with a floor-scraper. It's pretty clear, Horace. The poor devil fell here. There was a struggle, and he went down. He lay there for a while, too, until some plan was thought out. A man does not usually kill himself in a hallway. It's a sort of solitary deed. He fell here, and was dragged into the room. The angle of the bullet in the ceiling would probably show it came from here, too, and went through the doorway."

It was getting on, so I suggested we give up further searching.

We reached Mrs. Dane's, to find that Miss Jeremy had already arrived, looking rather pale, as I had noticed she always did before a se-

ance. Her color had faded, and her eyes seemed sunken in her head.

"Not ill, are you?" Sperry asked her, as he took her hand.

"Not at all. But I am anxious. I always am. These things do not come for the calling."

"This is the last time. You have promised."

"Yes. The last time."

For our last seance, Herbert Robinson, who had been reading up psychic literature, said he had arranged things to convince us all of the genuineness of any phenomena that might appear.

Herbert placed Miss Jeremy in her chair, and proceeded to wrap her, chair and all, in a strong network of fine threads, drawn swiftly taut to snap with any movement.



Robinson bound the medium to her chair and traced her feet on a sheet of white paper.

He finished by placing her feet on the sheet of paper, and outlining their position there with a pencil line.

The proceedings were saved from absurdity by what we all felt was the extreme gravity of the situation. There were present in the room Mrs. Dane, the Robinsons, Sperry, my wife and myself. Clara, Mrs. Dane's secretary, had begged off on the plea of nervousness from the earlier and physical portion of the seance, and was to remain outside in the hall until the trance commenced.

Sperry objected to this, as movement in the circle during the trance had, in the first seance, induced fretful uneasiness in the medium. But Clara, appealed to, begged to be allowed to remain outside until she was required, and showed such unmistakable nervousness that we finally agreed.

"Would a slight noise disturb her?" Mrs. Dane asked.

Miss Jeremy thought not, if the circle remained unbroken, and Mrs. Dane considered.

"Bring me my stick from the hall."

Horace, she said. "And tell Clara I'll rap on the floor with it when I want her."

I found a stick in the rack outside and brought it in. The lights were still on in the chandelier overhead, and as I gave the stick to Mrs. Dane I heard Sperry speaking sharply behind me.

"Where did you get that stick?" he demanded.

"In the hall."

"I never saw it before," said Mrs. Dane. "Perhaps it is Herbert's."

But I caught Sperry's eye. We had both recognized it. It was Arthur Wells's, the one which Sperry had taken from his room, and which, in turn, had been taken from Sperry's library.

Sperry was watching me with a sort of cynical amusement.

"You're an absent-minded beggar, Horace," he said.

"You didn't, by any chance, stop here on your way back from my place the other night, did you?" "I did. But I didn't bring that thing."

"Look here, Horace," he said more gently, "you come in and see me some day soon. You're not so fit as you ought to be."

I confess to a sort of helpless indignation that was far from the composure the occasion required. But the others, I believe, were fully convinced that no human agency had operated to bring the stick into Mrs. Dane's house, a belief that prepared them for anything that might occur.

A number of things occurred almost as soon as the lights were out. Then, suddenly, a bell that Sperry had placed on the stand beyond the black curtain commenced to ring. Quite without warning, immediately after, my chair twisted under me.

Finally Mrs. Dane rapped on the floor and Clara came in. Mrs. Dane told her to switch on the lights. Miss Jeremy had dropped in her chair until the silk across her chest was held taut, but none of the threads were broken and here even- ings, slipped still fitted into the outline on the paper beneath them.

Without getting up, Sperry reached to the stand behind Miss Jeremy and brought into view a piece of sculptor's clay he had placed there. The handle of the bell was now jammed into the mass.

"Now," Herbert said, addressing the medium, "we want you to go back to the house where you saw the dead man on the floor. You know his name, don't you?"

There was a pause. "Yes. Of course I do. A. L. Wells."

Arthur had been known to most of us by his Christian name, but the initials were correct.

"How do you know it is an L?" "On letters," was the laconic answer. Then, "Letters, letters, who has the letters?"

"Do you know whose cane this is?" "Yes."

Up to that time the replies had come easily and quickly. But beginning with the cane question, the medium was in difficulties. She moved uneasily, and spoke uneasily moved uneasily, and spoke irritably. The replies were slow and grudging. Foreign subjects were introduced, as now.

"Horace's wife certainly bullies him," said the voice. "He's afraid of her. And the fire-tongs—the fire-tongs—the fire-tongs!"

"Whose cane is this?" Herbert repeated.

"Mr. Ellingham's."

This created a profound sensation.

"How do you know that?"

"He carried it at the seance. He wrote in the sand with it."

"What did he write?"

"Ten o'clock."

"He wrote 'ten o'clock' in the sand, and the waves came and washed it away?"

"Yes."

"Horace," said my wife, leaning forward, "why not ask her about that stock of mine? If it is going down, I ought to sell, oughtn't I?"

Herbert eyed her with some exasperation.

"We are here to make a serious investigation," he said. "If the members of the club will keep their attention on what we are doing, we may get somewhere."

"Now," he continued, turned to the medium, "the man is dead, and the revolver is beside him. Did he kill himself?"

"No. He attacked her when he found the letters."

"And she shot him?"

"I can't tell you that."

"Try very hard. It is important."

"I don't know what the fearful reply. She may have. She hated him. I don't know. She says she did."

"She says she killed him?"

But there was no reply to this, although Herbert repeated it several times.

Instead, the voice of the "con- SERIAL—DEC 10—GAL 3

troi" began to recite a verse of poetry—a cheap, sentimental bit of trash. It was maddening, under the circumstances.

"Do you know where the letters are?"

"Hawkins has them."

"They were not hidden in the curtain?" This was Sperry.

"No. The police might have searched the room."

"Where were these letters?"

There was no direct reply to this, but instead:

"He found them when he was looking for his razor-strop. They were in the top of a closet. His revolver was there, too. He went back and got it. It was terrible."

There was a profound silence, followed by a slight exclamation from Sperry as he leaped to his feet. The screen at the end of the room, which cut off the light from Clara's dandle, was toppling. The next instant it fell, and we saw Clara sprawled over her table, in a dead faint.

In this, the final chapter of the record of these seances, I shall give, as briefly as possible, the events of the day following the third sitting.

I was again in the mystery of Arthur Wells's death, and I shall give the solution arrived at by the Neighborhood Club as to the strange communications from the medium, Miss Jeremy, now Sperry's wife.

On Tuesday morning I awakened after an uneasy night. I knew certain things, knew them definitely in the clear light of the morning. Hawkins had the letters that Arthur Wells had found; that was one thing. I had not taken Ellingham's stick to Mrs. Dane's house; that was another. And I did not do it. I had placed it on the table and had not touched it again.

But those were immaterial, compared with one outstanding fact. Any supernatural solution would imply full knowledge by whatever power had controlled the medium. And there was not full knowledge.

(To be continued)

## "WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY" BEING EXEMPLIFIED

At possibly no time in recent years has the good old motto "Where there's a will there's a way" been better exemplified than it has by farmers and townspeople alike during the period of depression from which we are beginning to emerge. Plenty of good, strong unadulterated will power has been necessary for a good many of our citizens to keep their heads up, and keep a smile on their faces during the trying times through which we have been passing, and from which the escape seems so remote. Strong, honorable will-power, is one of the prime essentials in all who are to do things worth while.

But, unfortunately, there is another kind of will-power or probably we should call it "won't-power," which cannot be so highly recommended, and which, sad to relate, is ever wont to make its appearance in most of all our social, political and business organizations.

Everyone has seen the man, or woman, who must be crosswise, or who must criticize and kick, or who cannot hold their temper in check. Almost any organization can point out one of its members who seems to feel it a duty to make themselves busy undoing what others are trying so hard to do. Or who feels slighted because they have not got that place of honor. Or will not co-operate because they cannot have things their own way.

They make life unpleasant for themselves—they waste their talents—and they certainly do not make things any sweeter for the other fellow.

The old saying which goes "Every dog has his day" might well be extended to say that "no dog has every day." We must expect to have to concede to the will of the other fellow just as much as we expect him to concede to ours. If the other fellow

has other views, we must remember that he has as much right to his own thoughts as we have to ours. And if he relies on we should hold our tempers at least as far as possible—for it takes two to make trouble, and in all probability he believes what he is saying. If he doesn't he will be more ashamed if we treat him like a man.

We must realize that we have something to do toward the good of our organization, or our community—and that our efforts must be constructive and not destructive. If we honestly believe this—and religiously carry it out—there need be no fear but that we will use our will-power and not our won't-power.—BX.

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The season's greetings warm  
and true:  
And with it comes a wish sincere  
For happiness throughout  
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all a

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New Year

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May your Christmas be  
joyous---

And may you have HEALTH, HAPPINESS  
AND PROSPERITY Throughout the Com-  
ing Year.

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## Neighborhood NEWS

### GWYNNE

Bill Tusty returned to Gwynne on Tuesday of last week. He has a Ford coupe now, watch him go.

The dance here last Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd. Quite a crowd attended the annual meeting of the Sunshine Club at J. McKenna's last Wednesday.

The Sunday school concert held at the church here last Saturday night, was enjoyed by all.

Louise Maynard went to Lacombe on Saturday and returned Sunday night.

The Harvest Home school concert was held last Friday.

Arvid Maynard left last Sunday for B.C., where he intends to spend the Christmas visiting relatives. James came a few days last week visiting at Pat Girard's. He left Monday morning for Edmonton.

The Nashville school concert on Monday night was very good, and enjoyed by a large crowd.

We are sorry to hear of Alfred Ireland's misfortune. He received a broken leg when hit by a car and is now in the hospital.

K. Erick came back to Gwynne on Sunday night, after spending three months at Camrose attending college. We congratulate W. J. Gillespie on the arrival Monday morning of a baby son.

### BATTLE LAKE

Esther Papineau, who is attending High School in Edmonton, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Billie Freeman, who was ill with a sore throat, is able to attend school again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Empey, who were married recently in Edmonton, spent a few hours visiting their sister Mrs. Roy Hunter, on route for their new home in Britain.

Glen Carmichael, Mr. leaving this week to spend his holidays with his parents at Stony Plain.

Miss Moyer will spend her holidays at her home in Leduc.

A very enjoyable gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bunney on Sunday, when some of their relatives and friends were invited to a delicious turkey dinner. There were thirty-three guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunney are going to Wetaskiwin to spend a few days with their daughter, Mrs. B. Nowell.

Phyllis Jean Fullerton are home for the holidays.

Mrs. F. C. Papineau, who has been ill in the hospital, was able to return home last week.

Everyone is practicing and decorating the church for the concert to be given on Wednesday evening.

### WINFIELD

The Christmas rush is on in Winfield, as elsewhere, and we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas.

Two concerts and Christmas trees one at Seattle Community hall, and one at Pentryl school, were held last Friday evening. Those attending, report a very pleasant time.

The executive of Winfield U.F.A. Local had a business meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of the Vice-President, Mr. Guther.

A car of coal, a new thing for this district, is being unloaded this week for J. A. Woodbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deyall and family visited friends in town Saturday.

Master Murray Taylor entertained at a party on his twelfth birthday last Saturday, to which eleven of his little pals were invited. If one may judge by noise, the boys had a splendid time.

### NEW SWEDEN

The young people from New Sweden and Wetaskiwin, enjoyed skating on the rink last Friday. Lunch was served at S. A. Anderson's after the skating.

While driving to Gwynne on Saturday evening, John A. Johnson lost a rear wheel, but luckily no one was hurt.

The debate between Coal Lake and Nashville was a decided success, and a large crowd turned out to hear it. P. Kaiser, Wm. Gillespie and Raymond Harris had the negative side, and C. Jones, A. Jovis and A. Lee, who upheld the affirmative, were declared the winners. The question was "Resolved, that the Nationalization of Canadian Railways would be beneficial to the people of Canada."

(Intended for last week)  
Gustav Anderson returned from his home on west last week.

The Gwynne Sunday school held its Christmas concert in the Tabernacle on Saturday evening.

A large crowd turned out to the Baptist Young People's meeting at J. A. Wingblad's on Friday night. Radio-listeners enjoyed the anniversary program given in honor of wireless on Saturday afternoon.

The Swedish Mission Ladies' Aid held its annual business meeting at S. A. Anderson's on Saturday afternoon.

Norma Swanson returned from Edmonton, and will spend a few weeks with her parents here.

Herbert Anderson came down from Edmonton on Friday and will spend his Christmas holiday at home.

Trade with the merchants who advertise in this paper.

## Proposed Hospital Agreement Passed

The final meeting of the Wetaskiwin Council for the year 1931 was held Tuesday evening with all members in attendance. Mayor-elect Somers was also present. After the adoption of the minutes, letters were read from the Alberta Supervisor of Relief respecting Wetaskiwin cases, and they were acted upon.

A letter from the Calgary Power Company giving details for charges for work on the main near the water tower was approved.

Accounts to the amount of \$758.61 were passed for payment.

Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Health, wrote stating that if the hospital agreement between the M. D. Montgomery and the City of Wetaskiwin would ratify the action.

The proposed hospital agreement between the M. D. Montgomery and the City of Wetaskiwin was read and approved, and the By-law providing for the raising of money for the erection and equipment of a hospital building, was given its first reading.

Five other by-laws respecting the sale of property and the raising of money for sidewalk construction were read three times and finally passed.

The secretary was instructed to write the Fire Commissioner and Hon. Geo. Hoadley, asking that the Wetaskiwin hospital be not closed at the present time, as satisfactory progress was being made towards the erection of a new building.

The business being concluded, Ald. MacAllister and Mayor Howatt made a few valedictory remarks, and the Aldermen who continue in office, Mr. Fraser and the Press also made brief remarks suitable to the occasion.

After adjournment, all present were invited to the Driard Hotel for luncheon, as guests of Mayor Howatt, who is retiring from office.

### NO MAIL DELIVERY CHRISTMAS

A new departure in the postal regulations provides that for the two holidays, Christmas and New Year's, postmasters are not compelled to sort the mail on these days. The Wetaskiwin postmaster and staff are taking advantage of these regulations and no mail will be delivered through the wickets at the Wetaskiwin Post Office on either of these two days. We also understand that there will be no mail delivered on the rural routes on these holidays.

### THE CHRISTMAS WREATH

With holly and ivy  
So green and gay  
We deck up our houses  
As fresh as the day.  
With hays and rosemary  
And laurel complete,  
And everyone now  
Is a king in conceit.  
—Old Carol, 1695.

### CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY

Christmas is not recognized as falling on the 25th of December everywhere. Several races, such as the Armenians, celebrate January 6 instead.

### 49TH BATT. ASSOCIATION 17TH ANNUAL BANQUET

The 17th annual banquet of the 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment) will be held at the MacDonald Hotel, Edmonton, at 7 o'clock Saturday, January 9th. Every year the banquets of this famous Battalion have been a success and they afford a splendid opportunity for the old comrades to meet again, to sing the old songs and to spend a very pleasant evening.

### SCHOOL GIRL HOWLERS

Acrimony, sometimes called holy, is another name for marriage. A momentum is what you give a person when they are leaving.

Contralto is a low sort of music that only ladies sing.

Jacob, the son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine, while his parents were travelling on the continent. He made many fast friends; among the fastest were Alice and Phoebe Cary.

Launcelot arrived at a castle, where he asked if he could be put up with for the night.

The government of England is a limited monarchy.

The letters M.D. signify "mentally deficient."

The "Mediterranean" and the Red Sea are connected by the sewage canal.

Climate lasts all the time, but weather only for a few days.

Chivalry is the attitude of a man towards a strange woman.

Appendicitis is caused by information in the appendix.

Vesuvius is a volcano and if you will climb up to the top you will see the creator smoking.

Science is material. Religion is immaterial.

Gravity was discovered by Isaac Newton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

What part did the U. S. Navy play in the war? It played the Star Spangled Banner.

## Talk on Coming Disarmament

The Kivanians present at the luncheon on Tuesday evening, listened to a very thoughtful address on the coming Conference on Disarmament, delivered by Col. Palmer, Indian agent at Hobbema. In his preliminary remarks, the Colonel referred to the laudable work of the Kivani Club, in helping those in distress, and he knew from experience that the Kivanians had a passionate desire to see that the right thing was done at the right time. He stated that the war time spirit brought out the highest quality of the human race, while often peace brings out the poorest. Today we need the spirit of war in order to achieve disarmament. In war, there was co-operation and desire to do everything for the empire, and it must be realized that the enemy was doing the same thing, giving all for their country. The lessons of the war were forgotten at once, and unless the world comes to a realization of the horrors of war, there is likely to be another bad time ahead. Fifty great nations will meet next year to discuss disarmament, and if this meeting is not held in the spirit of sacrifice and sympathy it will doubtless fail. It is an economic issue to be considered, not military. If this conference fails and another war precipitated, the 1st war will be trivial in comparison to what is ahead. Science had made great advancement and it will be terrible. Today the armed force of the world is far greater than it was in 1914. If disarmament doesn't come, and the world drifts into another big war, civilization may be shattered. The world cannot economically afford to have another war, and the pending conference will try to devise schemes to prevent the threatened catastrophe. It was important that the right type of representatives be sent to the conference, not cranks, military experts, or men who fatten on death.

During the evening, Mrs. McMurdo and Stewart Campbell were each presented with Christmas gifts in recognition of the service they have rendered the club during the past year.

### WETASKIWIN STUDENTS IN PROVINCIAL HONOR LIST

Among the candidates for the third year High School examinations 1931, eligible for the diploma with honors, are the following Wetaskiwin students: David Appelt, Elinor A. Finch, Agnes S. Leverth, Dagmar L. Nelson and John R. Enman.

### INDUSTRY COULD BE MADE MORE EFFICIENT

"Thrift is a virtue and extravagance is always to be deplored, but does that mean that people are to be forever denied the pleasures and satisfactions of modern life because their grandfathers happened to die before automobiles and radios and the galloping snapshots were thought of? Is the genius of great men like Edison and Ford and Marconi, which made these things possible, to be so stultified that it will contribute only to the ostentation of the comparatively rich? Such notions belong to the age of feudalism when the barons owned everything and the common people were supposed to be good for nothing but to work and fight and breed children to work and fight. We are not living in the feudal age, but in the 20th century, in an age when industry is quite capable of making sufficient quantities of everything to go round. Yet factories are closed and men who should be enjoying the comforts which they helped to create, are going hungry or living on two meals a day at public expense.

In this modern industrial era, three great factors exist, each of which must function freely or stagnation exists. These are industry, commerce and finance. Industry and finance are ready and capable, but the financial factor cannot be made to function properly. When modern finance is controlled, when it becomes servant instead of master, then depressions will disappear and everyone who is willing to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay will be able to enjoy a fair share of the great and fine things that its Edisons and Fords and Marconis have made possible.

There will be no need of lowering the standard of living, permanently, or temporarily. Industry and commerce could be made much more efficient than they are, but it is in the field of currency and fiscal policy that the cause of these recurring depressions lies. —Country Gentleman.

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And a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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At this time we wish to thank our many friends for their generous support during the past, and take this opportunity to wish all a

**BRIGHT AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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## BIMETALLISM OR DOUBLE STANDARD

(Continued from last week)

Those who advocate bimetalism base their claims for the superiority of this monetary system over the present monometallic gold standard and system upon the following grounds:

1. That there is insufficient gold in the world to support a proper price level of commodities, therefore the legalizing of silver as standard and medium of exchange equally with gold would bring more metal into the money market and so create a rise in the price of all commodities and goods in accordance with the workings of the Quantity Theory of prices.

2. That if two metals were used as a standard or measure of price and also as mediums of exchange that fluctuations in prices of goods and commodities would probably be less because the actual fluctuations of supply and demand of each separate metal would to no small extent offset each other.

3. That the monetizing of silver and the tying of it to gold in a definite legal ratio and at a higher level than the present market price of silver would increase the buying power of those nations that use silver either for an international or national standard or medium of exchange. Therefore those particular nations would be able to purchase more goods from other countries which purchases in turn would increase international trade.

At first glance these arguments would seem to contain considerable merit and it is because of these apparent values that so many people have been found ready to advocate bimetalism. A careful study of monetary history reveals, however, certain fallacies or fundamental defects in bimetalism that have always resulted either in the defeat of the proposals or in the breakdown of the bimetallic system in every case where it has ever been tried.

These fundamental defects in the main are two in number:

1. That it has never been found possible to maintain by law two separate and distinct commodities like gold and silver, each with its own differing factors of supply and demand, at precisely the same value at all times.

2. That in consequence of the above one or the other of the two metals must be at any one time more valuable than the other, and so have a greater purchasing power than set by the legal ratio. This inevitably results in one of them becoming more prized or more treasured than the other which in turn results in the displacement for monetary purposes of the more treasured one by the least valuable, and so a single standard is always eventually set up of the least valuable metal. The most valuable one of the two being either hoarded away, melted down and sold or exported for the reason that when melted down as metal the more precious one would, on the open market, purchase more of the less valuable standard metal than it would purchase as coin at the legal ratio. These results which are always sooner or later brought about by a bimetallic standard are the workings of Gresham's Law, which briefly means that bad money drives out good, or that money of the least value drives out money of the highest value. Therefore, bimetalism, even when set up, always results sooner or later in but one single standard being maintained and that the least valuable one of the two.

The monetary history of the world abounds with instances where all this has exactly happened.

In England, up to the fourteenth century, silver was both the standard and the medium of exchange. The debasement of silver coinage, however, and the use of clipped and light coins, caused Edward III. in 1344 to attempt to set up a bimetallic standard of both gold and silver; by which a ratio of silver to gold was set of 12.5 to 1. This ratio, however, it was found, undervalued silver and overvalued the gold; consequently silver was hoarded or exported to France and the Continent, in an attempt to remedy this another ratio was set of 11 to 1. This ratio, however, undervalued gold in turn, and in this case, gold was hoarded or exported abroad where it purchased more silver than was set by law in England. In this particular case the legal ratio was maintained until gold became very scarce to the extent that actually only silver remained in use.

Many changes in ratio occurred in England after this, but the constantly

changing market values of gold and silver made it impossible successfully to maintain the double standard. These efforts always failed and all ways resulted in but a single standard actually remaining in use and in force.

By 1816 the workings of Gresham's Law became thoroughly understood and the Parliament of England in that year established a single gold standard which has continued in England to this day.

In France, from the twelfth century onwards attempts were made to maintain a double standard of gold and silver; but as in England it was found to be quite impossible. Alternately one or the other of the two metals would be hoarded and disappear as one or the other, because of its own changing supply and demand, becomes either undervalued or overvalued in relation to the other. All efforts at adjusting the ratio by law, from time to time, proved futile to maintain two metals in circulation. One or the other always disappeared and actually at no time was there more than one single metal acting as a standard and medium of exchange. This condition was maintained in France until 1878 when France practically adopted the single gold standard with silver as a subsidiary coinage only.

In the United States the first metallic money was chiefly English or Spanish and was almost exclusively silver. Alexander Hamilton, however, made both gold and silver legal tender, for he actually established bimetalism and by law at a ratio of 15 to 1. Soon, however, market values changed and gold was found to be undervalued at this ratio because it bought more silver when melted down than it would cost as only silver remained in circulation.

In an effort to remedy this state of affairs, in 1834, a new ratio was set up of 16 to 1, but at this ratio, in turn, silver was undervalued, was melted down and rapidly disappeared and gold became the sole standard and medium of exchange.

This situation was recognized by law in 1853 when the United States adopted the single gold standard and silver coins were only used for subsidiary coinage. At various times in the United States, particularly in 1876, the silver drastically fell in value and there were great agitations, just as we have at the present time, for the bimetallic standard to be introduced or for silver, by law, to be stabilized at a higher price. These agitations continued from 1873 until about 1900 before they ceased.

The instances given of attempts to set up the bimetallic or double standard in England, France and the United States, are but a few examples of almost exact happenings that have occurred in every country that has tried this system, and a study of the results that have always occurred certainly would lead one to the definite conclusion that the maintenance of a bimetallic or double standard of value is impossible; that Gresham's Law inevitably works and that eventually only a single standard remains and that the standard is the least valuable metal.

Some advocates of bimetalism have stated that silver has a natural value of about 14 to 1 of gold, because, they say, the production of silver over a long term of years has been about in its proportion to gold, by weight.

The British Gold and Silver Commission in their report of 1888, and the figures given by the Director of the United States Mint, clearly show that the ratio of production of gold to silver has not been anything like a constant ratio of 14 to 1. From 1493 to 1520, for instance, the world's production of silver to gold was as 8.1 to 1. From 1521 to 1600 it was as 57.2 to 1. From 1601 to 1740 it was as 22.6 to 1. From 1741 to 1850 it was as 50.7 to 1. From 1851 to 1880 it was as 4.9 to 1. From 1881 to 1890 it was as 14.5 to 1. In 1890 to 1900 it was 17.5 to 1. In 1901 to 1910 it was 9 to 1. In 1911 to 1920 it was 9.5 to 1. In 1921 to 1930 it was 13.7 to 1. In 1931 to 1932 it was 13.1 to 1. In 1933 to 1934 it was 13.1 to 1.

Even these great differences of ratio or proportion of weight, however, only take into account one side of the question and that is the matter of supply, whereas actually there is another factor to be reckoned with, which is just as important as supply and perhaps more so, which is the varying world's demand for each of the separate metals not only for coinage purposes but more particularly for hoarding as practiced in India, China and other Eastern countries and for use in the arts and sciences which latter demands vary tremendously with the varying prosperity of different nations and peoples.

To take demand into effect the world's market price of the two metals separately is no doubt a much better guide than the matter of production of weight. Standard tables of production and price of gold and silver show, for instance, that in 1870 the ratio of value, silver to gold, was 15.6 to 1. In 1880 it was 18.06 to 1, in 1890 it was 18.77 to 1, in 1900 it was 33.3 to 1, in 1914 it was 37.37 to 1,

in 1920 again down to 16.31 to 1, in 1929 38.70 to 1, and at this date, November, 1931, it is around 70.1. These differences in the price of silver are likely to be even greater as time passes because of the great advance made in recent years in the science of metallurgy, which has resulted today in silver practically being a by-product from copper and lead mines. So today the supply of silver is to no small extent dependent upon the world's demand for copper and lead. In 1903 the Commission on International Exchange estimated that the largest producer of silver in the world was the Broken Hills Lead Mine of Australia, and that the largest producer of silver in the United States was a copper mine.

Today probably three quarters of all the silver produced annually in the world is from copper or lead mines. In addition it must be remembered that there are great silver mines in different parts of the world lying idle but which are ready at any moment to start producing silver in great quantities as soon as the price rises sufficiently to warrant their operation, or as the cost of silver mining methods improve, so that cost of production can be reduced.

These great variations in such short times, in the relative quantities produced of the two metals, and of their relative prices, illustrate the utter impossibility of ever maintaining the two metals as standards of equal value at any definite ratio fixed by law. It is safe to say that no legislation can ever control the market price either of gold or of silver, nor probably of any other commodity for any appreciable length of time.

It has sometimes been stated that one reason for the great changes in the price levels between gold and silver is due to the fact that the price of gold is fixed by law whereas the price of silver is not so fixed and so that silver has to depend for its price upon the free and open workings of the law of supply and demand. With silver, of course, this is quite true, but the statement that the price of gold is fixed by law is quite incorrect—all that is done by law with gold is to define the weight of a certain coin of a definite name. Such for instance as the U.S.A. gold dollar, or the British gold sovereign, but the value of the definite amount or weight of gold is not set by law but is set by the amount of other commodities which the given weight of gold will purchase. This value is varying all the time and the variation depends not only upon the equation of the supply and demand of gold itself, but also depends in perhaps greater measure upon the supply and demand of each of the commodities which gold will purchase at any time. Therefore, the actual value of gold depends just as much upon the free and open market as does the actual value of silver and legislation of any country ever has or ever possibly could maintain a definite set value for either gold or silver.

## Dot Finds Her Lost Spirit

"Oh, yeah?"

"Oh, decidedly yes," replied Mr. Burton, gently. "You think you are very hard-boiled and ultra-modern, now that you are a pretty young miss of twenty-one years. But don't for heaven's sake get so cynical that you don't believe in Christmas spirit."

"Christmas spirit be damned," snapped Dot, the pretty young daughter. "All everybody does at Christmas is buy a whole lot of things for their friends just because they know their friends are going to buy something for them and everybody lies in agony for fear they have forgotten to send somebody a Christmas card. I say Christmas is the bunk—it's just another holiday."

"I suppose you'd be perfectly happy if none of your friends or any of your family gave you anything this Christmas?" asked brother Bill from the other side of the table.

"Why, certainly. If I could be sure that they weren't giving me anything this year I wouldn't bother. And it's not as if I'm a great selfish, too."

"Humm," came from Mr. Burton as he pushed back his chair and prepared to rise. "Oh, Bill," he called from the door, "I want to see you for a moment in the library."

As Bill made his way upstairs to the library he wondered what his father had to say.

"You remember what Dot had to say at dinner about Christmas?" asked Mr. Burton.

"Sure, but I don't expect me in on it. I don't think that was any of my business."

"Don't get excited, son. What I called you here for was to devise some scheme whereby we could knock a bit of that cynicism from her head. It's becoming a little too strong in one young."

"Oh, that's different," said Bill, greatly relieved.

Father and son talked in the library for some minutes, in subdued tones. Then Bill rose.

"I don't think she'll get wise. I'll have to do it myself. You can look after the cr-f-inancial arrangements and other things," he said as he crossed the room to the door.

"Remember now," said Mr. Burton, "you must be very careful how you handle it. Otherwise somebody will be hurt."

All this happened a few weeks before Christmas.

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ACTS TWO WAYS AT ONCE

noticed that there was something radically wrong in the Burton home. Nobody ever mentioned Christmas. Nobody seemed to go out on shopping tours. No presents or parcels were sent up to the house.

Everything was pursuing the usual course of events—just as if Christmas had never been heard of.

A few days before Christmas Dot remarked about it at the dinner table.

"What's the big idea?" she asked. "Aren't we having any Christmas? Or is everybody sneaking their parcels in the back way?"

Mr. Burton cleared his throat and looked across at Bill, who winked slyly.

"No, my dear, I think we all have begun to feel as you feel. That is, that Christmas is useless. One can save so much money by not giving away a great lot of things you really don't want to give, just as you say. So this year we are going to disregard Christmas entirely."

Dot looked at him in amazement.

"But what about all your friends?"

"What about the relations? What am I supposed to do? Give to my friends, or forget them?"

"Forget them, my dear," said Mr. Burton quietly, with an odd twinkle in his eye. "We have taken the trouble to notify all our friends that owing to the depression, we are not exchanging any Christmas gifts this year. Your friends and Bill's were included in the list."

Dot rose to her feet. Her face was blazing with wrath.

"That's a smart trick to play. Why didn't you consult me? Now what are all my friends going to think?"

"They'll think we're plagues."

"Now, now, Dot," said Mrs. Burton from the head of the table.

"Don't get all up in the air about it. You know you said a few weeks ago that you thought Christmas was a sham, and that you would be perfectly agreeable to not give your friends anything. You can't deny that."

Dot bit her lip. She knew she was in the wrong.

"Well," she hedged, "you might at least have consulted me. I think it's a rotten trick. What am I supposed to say when I meet my friends?" Then, as if struck by an inspiration, "What about Harry?"

Where does he stand? Is he in on this crazy idea? Am I supposed to take back what I got for him, as well as the other things?"

"I haven't seen Dot's latest flame yet," said Bill. "But I'll see him to-night."

Dot stamped her feet in rage.

"I'll do nothing of the kind," she burst out. "I'll tell him myself. Tell him how hard up we are, that we can't give any Christmas presents this year." She was sarcastic now. "And let me tell you this much, I've gone and bought everybody I know Christmas presents and I'm going to give every one of them away. Too. I'll give them to some charitable organization. And you, you finished, turning to her father, 'will have to pay for them, too. Serves you right for not letting me in on your BIG secret.' She turned and ran out of the room. Mr. Burton smiled.

Quiet Evening at Home

Christmas day arrived at last, but it was a quiet day in the Burton home. But of the whole day the evening was the worst for Dot.

The four of them were sitting in the den. Not a sound came from any of them.

Suddenly Dot jumped up from her chair and threw her book on the table.

"I can't stand this any longer," she said in desperation. "I'm going to deliver those Christmas presents to the relief headquarters. I don't care what anybody says. I'll go coo-coo if I stay here."

"That's a very good idea," said Mr. Burton. "Bill will drive you down." And the two of them left the room.

They were gone for about an hour. Bill taking his own time about getting there and back.

No light came from the front room when they came around to the front of the house and entered. As they walked along the dimly light-

ed hall Dot had the peculiar feeling that things were just a bit quieter than they should be. Suddenly, as she was passing the wide doorway leading into the front room, the lights flashed on. She jumped back in surprise and simultaneously there came loud cries and laughter from the room.

Dot looked in amazement. There in the front room she saw a huge Christmas tree all decked with brilliant ornaments and lights, with artificial snow spread all around and laden down with parcels wrapped in green, red and white tissue. The floor around the tree was littered with presents. Around the room sat or stood a score or more of her friends and relations.

"Merry Christmas," they cried in unison.

Dot was too stunned to speak. She looked at her father.

"We decided at the last minute," he said, "to have a Christmas celebration after all. Would you care to join? Of course, realizing what you said a few weeks ago, there won't be much for you. But you are invited to sit in and watch."

Dot recovered her voice. "Merry Christmas all," she cried. "Hello, Harry, haven't seen you since you got back. Hello, Mary. Gee, this sure is a surprise, all right." She stopped suddenly and looked at her father again, her eyes blazing. "But far be it from me to sit around and watch presents being given. I'll just retire and let you enjoy yourselves. Her eyes were misty with tears.

Mrs. Burton spoke up. "Now, Dad, I think we've carried this thing too far. 'Dot,' she said, turning to her daughter, 'all the Christmas boxes that you were so anxious to give away were not given away at all. They will be delivered back here in a few minutes. You can join in the same as the rest. It was all a big joke. Your father never said at all that we were not giving presents this year. The cards he sent were invitations to this party.'"

But Mr. Burton still persisted. "Well, if she comes in here, she's got to seriously admit that there is something to Christmas after all."

"Oh, I do!" cried Dot, between laughter and tears. "I really do. I never realized until I thought I was going to miss it. I'm terribly sorry. I think the Christmas spirit is wonderful!"

## TWINS

(By Dr. H. E. Smith, University of

Twins of any kind are always interesting. Identical twins are to most persons objects of curiosity and wonder. It is as if they were two persons with the same body and the same mind.

Very interesting is a story which comes from the prison records of Germany. Johannes Lange found, thirty persons each of whom was a member of a pair of twins, the two members being in each case of the same sex. He traced and examined the other twin of each pair. It turned out that thirteen of the pairs were single-egg or identical twins, while the other seventeen were two-egg or non-identical twins.

Of the thirteen identical twins one of whom was known in each case to be a criminal, the other also had a criminal record in ten of the cases. And not only this, but the twins even in their criminal careers conducted themselves as duplicate personalities might be expected to do. That is, if one was a burglar, so was the other. In one pair, one twin was a high-powered financial swindler collecting large sums from dupes, and so was the other. There was another pair both of whom had committed puerile offenses against property laws. Another pair were gutter-snipes—good fellows at heart but they could not stand alcohol. And one pair were characterized as having too little sense and will power. And still another pair were said to be lacking in all human feeling except for their own unpleasant selves.

This it goes on, Lange says, throughout the depressing list. In all pairs the type of crime is identical. The criminal careers begin at about the same age, and the behaviour of both members in court and in prison corresponds absolutely.

But in the two-egg twins the situation was different. Of the thirteen pairs of this kind, in only three cases did both members have criminal records. In the other fourteen, the fates of the two were quite diverse. There was no such detailed parallelism here as was found in the case of the one-egg twins.

In these two-egg twins the environment of the two was as similar as it was in the case of the one-egg twins. But this similarity of environment did not result in identity of fate nor in identical parallelism of careers. The one-egg twins, on the contrary, were almost as much alike in their behaviour, their mentality, and their careers, as they were in their physical features.

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WHAT IS WRONG

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Men wore whiskers, square hats, Acot ties, red flannel underwear, bow-ties and chains, chopped wood for the stove, bathed once a week, drank ten-cent whiskey and five-cent beer, rode bicycles, "buggies and sleighs, went in for politics, worked twelve hours a day, respected his neighbor's wife and lived to a ripe old age.

Stores burned coal oil lamps, carried everything from a needle to a plow, trusted everybody, never took inventory, placed orders for goods a year in advance, and always made money.

**1931**  
Today women wear silk stockings, short skirts, low shoes, no corsets, one-piece underwear, have bobbed hair, smoke cigarettes, paint and powder, drink cocktails, play bridge, drive cars, have pet dogs, and go in for politics.

Men have high blood pressure, wear no hats and some no hair, shave their whiskers off, shoot, rifle, twice a day, drink poison, play the stock market, ride airplanes, never go to bed the same day they get up, are misunderstood at home, play the ponies, work five hours a day, play ten, die young.

Stores have electric lights, cash registers, elevators, never have a customer wants, trusts nobody, takes inventory daily, never buy in advance, have overhead, mark-up, mark-down, quote, budget, advertise, stock control, have annual, semi-annual, end-of-month and dollar days, Pounder's days, rummage and account day sales, accountings, recent logs, free deliveries, c.o.d. deliveries, no-return deliveries, bank sessions, business sessions, a director session, half holidays, staff holidays, annual holidays, blue Mondays, blue gloom and Never Make Any Money.

If you like these conditions and think life worth living, I wish you a happy 1932.

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**BANK OF MONTREAL ISSUES NEW NOTES**

A new issue of Bank of Montreal notes in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 is now being placed in circulation. The issue is the first since Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., became President and therefore the first upon which his portrait and signature appear. In addition to the President's portrait, the notes carry the portraits of the General Managers, the \$5 and \$100 denominations having the portrait of W. A. B. and the \$10, \$20, and \$50 denominations that of Jackson Dods. Except as regards the portraits, there is little departure from the familiar design of the notes already in circulation.

The International Harvester Co. donated a cheque for \$20,000 to aid the spreading of agricultural education amongst boys and girls of Canada.



**Health Service**  
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GUYTON FLEMING, M.D., ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

**THE GERMS OF DISEASE**

Disease germs are responsible for much of the illness which afflicts mankind, leading to discomfort, suffering, incapacity and sometimes death. Although they are unseen, these germs are our most deadly foes, and if we wish to escape their ravages, we must constantly war against them.

In order to cause disease, the germs must, first of all, gain entrance into our bodies. As long as they are kept on the outside, they are unable to harm us. It follows then that our first line of defence is not to allow them to enter our bodies.

This all sounds very simple but it is much more difficult to accomplish than it sounds. If we are to succeed, we must know something about habits of these germs, for we cannot see them with the naked eye. We must know whence they come, if we are to prevent them from coming. We must know how they gain entrance to the body if we are to put up barriers to keep them out.

Disease germs do not, as far as we know, grow in nature outside of the human or animal body. They may exist for a time, but, in general, they die off comparatively quickly, because they cannot resist, for any length of time, light, particularly the direct rays of the sun, and drying.

This means that, in the majority of cases, the spread of disease germs is direct, from one person to another. In some cases, the spread may be indirect.

direct, that is, the germs may be carried by some animal person or object, but in such cases, the time must be relatively short or the germs will die.

As stated, disease germs live and thrive inside the body. The various germs which cause the communicable diseases with which we are familiar, such as typhoid, diphtheria, scarlet fever, the nose and throat. They grow and give off their poisons which are the cause of diseases.

These germs leave the nose and throat in the secretions from those parts. It is the transfer of the germs from secretions, from one person to another, which accounts for the spread of most of our communicable diseases. These secretions are spread in a direct manner, when they are sprayed around by coughs and sneezes, or by loud talking which sends out droplets of saliva. Saliva is deposited on eating and drinking utensils. The fingers may become infected with nose and mouth secretions, and may pass on the germs to whatever they touch.

This transfer may be controlled if not stopped by the avoidance of the dangers mentioned. Coughs and sneezes should be directed into a handkerchief; one person should not talk into another's face; eating and drinking utensils should be thoroughly washed before being used, and common drinking cups, in the home or elsewhere, should be washed before being kept from the face, and be thoroughly washed before food is touched.

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**MILLET LOCAL NEWS**

Mrs. Hope Dowler and Mr. Fred Dowler of Mulhurst, were recent Millet visitors.

R. P. Rood shipped one of his pure bred Poland China hogs to Milk River this week.

Miss Jacques will spend her Christmas holidays in Edmonton, the guest of Canon and Mrs. Clough, of St. Faith's Rectory.

Walden Smith, who has been attending Alberta College in Edmonton, is spending his Christmas holiday with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. H. Brinker is leaving on Thursday for Edmonton, where she will spend Christmas holidays with Mayor and Mrs. Knott and other friends.

Mrs. Rudolph Beifus appeared before Magistrate Young on Dec. 19th and was fined \$10 and costs or 14 days, for obstructing the Bailiff, Mr. Wright, in the performance of his duties as Bailiff.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver in the loss of their son, Arthur, which took place in an accident on the trail south of the village on Saturday evening.

**CHARGES GOVERNMENT ADDED TO DEBT**

Charging that the present provincial administration had added to the public debt of the taxpayers of Alberta beyond all reason and alleging that the 1930 provincial general election had been brought on one year earlier than the canons of the United Farmers of Alberta organization called for, they favored a government filing its bill in court, he said. W. R. Howson addressed a capacity meeting of 250 at the Millet public hall on Friday night.

Mr. Howson was one of four speakers at the meeting, which was called by A. P. Mitchell, Liberal member of the legislature for Leduc constituency, and was the last of a series of meetings in conformance with a pre-election promise to address meetings at every poll following the first session he sat in the house.

Hugh J. Montgomery, Liberal, Wetaskiwin, and L. A. Groux, Liberal, Graveland, as well as Mr. Mitchell, also spoke.

Mr. Mitchell has addressed between 25 and 40 such meetings.

All four assailed the government on the general fiscal policy, claiming extravagance.

Mr. Howson felt that there was altogether too much reliance on the part of the government in giving out information on current happenings.

**AN OLD PAPER**

We recently received an extra of the New York Herald, printed 8:10 a.m., April 15, 1865. On the front page is the portrait of President Abraham Lincoln, and beneath it is printed "The Assassination of President Lincoln." This old extra brings to our minds the stirring events of 66 years ago. It tells how J. Wilkes Booth entered the President's box in the old Ford Theatre in Washington and committed the horrible crime which plunged a great nation into mourning. It also tells how an accomplice of Booth's entered the home of Major Seward, Secretary of State, with a determined intent to stab him to death with a dagger. This happened on Good Friday, April 14th, at 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 15th, at 7:22 a.m., one of the greatest men the American nation has ever known, passed to his reward. The old paper contains articles such as "Rebel Particulars of the battle of Petersburg," "Lee's Army Supposed to be Safe," and "Jeff Davis' Last Proclamation." In every article the spirit of the trying times near the end of the civil war is manifest; yet today it is history. So with it be a decade hence; the economic war which is being waged amongst us today, will be just history.

**MILLET UNITED CHURCH**

Services will be held at the following places on Sunday, Dec. 27th: Epworth, 11 a.m.; Millet, 11:30 a.m.; special Christmas service in Epworth, 7:30 p.m.; Millet, Sunday school, 11 a.m.

Rev. H. G. Smith, Pastor.

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Special service at 2 p.m., with Holy Communion on Christmas Day. During the winter months, Communion will be held at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month.

Sunday school at 2 p.m. Evensong with sermon at 3 p.m. every Sunday except the second when there will be a Communion service instead.

Rev. A. Murphy, M.A., Vicar.

**ST. NORBERT'S CHURCH**

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Dec. 27th—Holy Mass at 9:45 p.m. Rev. Fr. Pat McQuaid, Parish Priest.

**Here and There**

A new railway record, and a different one, was established recently when John Caesar, called at the Vancouver office of the Canadian Pacific Railway for his jubilee pay cheque. Mr. Caesar has 50 years service to his credit.

Canada's gold production in September hit a new record, being 240,222 ounces, as compared with 225,630 produced in August and 178,291 ounces in September 1930. The Dominion has been a gold-producing country for more than 70 years.

And now the eyes of the world are focused on that greatest of all travellers, Santa Claus, who seems to have weathered transportation and financial problems once more, just a good old Christmas custom!

One can visualize thousands of pairs of slippers being waxed, now that the snow is here to stay. Then it will be all aboard for Quebec, Banost or Revelstoke, or any where where there is a real good hill.

And, speaking of Quebec, Jack Strathdee, who was on loan to Lacombe in Quebec last winter, is back at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, as winter sports director. Banost as entertaining in its many phases as was its namesake with the prefix "Chu", during the days of 1914-1918. Besides, it's the only way we've got!

The Regina Rough Riders got a rough ride from W.A.A.A., although they earned a whole lot of applause. The Montreal team found them just about the same as the Mustangs, whom they had ridden for 22 years. He's a fine performer at the piano.

Pacific Coast, and indeed shipping circles throughout Canada, are mourning the passing of Captain James W. Troup, aged 56, a native of Portland, Ore., pioneer in coast-wise shipping and for 36 years manager of the B.C. coastal service of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Sino-Japanese war reports are causing more geographies to be consulted than is popularly imagined. Chin Chow, for example is almost as entertaining in its many phases as was its namesake with the prefix "Chu", during the days of 1914-1918. Besides, it's the only way we've got!

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"The Four Hundred" has long been synonymous for the people who do the big things. It is fitting, therefore, that it should also be the total of the passengers on the first cruise around the world by the new wonder-ship "Empress of Britain", which left New York on December 3.

With the Canadian dollar where it is in the market, there is a marked tendency to keep it at home, and many Canadians are spending, or planning to spend, their winter amid the beauties of British Columbia, instead of "going south." Fifteen per cent can mean a whole lot of dollars when the British Columbia coastline is one of nature's most beautiful spots, anyway.

There are 32,209 schools or colleges in Canada, taught by 83,144 teachers and attended by 2,450,623 pupils, or one quarter of the Dominion's population. The average expenditure is about \$66 on each pupil enrolled. Attendance is on the up grade, being 77 per cent for the whole Dominion, as against 64.7 in 1919. And the future of technical education is assured, for the Technical Education Act provides for Federal grants of \$150,000 per year for 15 years, which means that the night schools will be able to run, to say nothing of the day course in technical institutions.

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**MILLET LOCAL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wolfe and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Woods, at Fishers Home.

The Sunday school will hold their Christmas tree on Thursday, evening, Dec. 31, in Phynon's hall.

Miss Jean Ross, who has been ill in the Wetaskiwin hospital for the past two weeks, is now home again.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Church will meet at the home of Mrs. T. K. Ronge next month. Election of officers will take place.

Inspector J. Scott, of Lethbridge, stopped over in the village for a few hours on Sunday, and visited at the home of his brother, H. M. Scott.

\*\*\*A big dance will be held in the Hillsdale school on Monday, Dec. 28. Admission 25c, supper included. Snappy music. Everybody welcome. Proceeds for sports grounds.

Shorty is still smiling over his advertising. He received an order for a fine big Christmas turkey from Rev. B. H. Balderston of Revelstoke, B.C. Shorty shipped the bird on Monday.

Miss Tillie Enders of Wetaskiwin, is spending a couple of days with Miss Dora Groves at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wolfe. Miss Enders is on her way to her home at Stony Plain for Christmas holidays.

Wm. Vellow left last week for Vancouver, where he will spend the holidays with Mrs. Vellow. He stopped over a few days at Lacombe, where he visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham and other relatives.

**MILLET U. F. W. A.**

The Millet U.F.W.A. met at the home of Mrs. H. L. Gray on Dec. 16. Roll call was answered by exchanging gifts.

A Baby Clinic and course on Interior Decorating was discussed, dates to be announced later.

Old business was completed, and all the old officers were re-elected, namely:

President—Mrs. Ross.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Pogue.  
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Woods.  
Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. H. Pogue.  
Hostesses were named for the coming year.

Mrs. H. Pogue was elected as delegate to the convention in Edmonton January 15th to 22nd.

Program Committee—Mesdames Harkness, Graham, Higginson, R. Wagner, and Carney.

Conveners for papers:  
Co-operated Effort—Mrs. Woods.  
Peace—Mrs. Grey.  
Bountifulness and Horticulture—Mrs. Carney.

Home Economics—Mrs. R. Wagner.  
Political Economy—Mrs. E. Pogue.  
Young People's Work—Mrs. Higginson.

Immigration—Mrs. H. Pogue.  
Legislation—Mrs. Easterbrook.  
Health—Mrs. C. Wagner.

Education—Mrs. Ross.  
Social Welfare—Mrs. Doane.  
Mrs. Gray served a dainty lunch.

**APPRECIATION**

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My father says the paper he reads ain't put right; He finds a lot of fault, too, he does, perusn't it all night; He says there ain't a single thing in 'it worth to read. And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need. He tosses it aside and says it's strictly on the bum, But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

He reads about the woddin's and he smorts like all got out; He reads the social doin's with a most delirious shout, He says they make the papers for the women folks alone; He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan; He says of information, it doesn't have a crumb, But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

He is the first one to grab it, and he reads it plumb clean through, He doesn't miss an item, or a want ad—that is true; He says they don't know what we want, the darn newspaper guys, I'm going to take a day some time and go and put 'em wise; "Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb," But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

—Exchange.

Mistress: (In drawing room, to friends:) "Yes, my maid had been reeled upon not to meddle with my personal things—" (as maid enters)—"Marry, go and fetch me the letter from my dressing table."

Maid: "Yes, m'am. The one about your brother's wedding or the one about the charity bazaar?"

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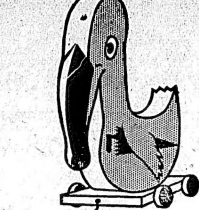
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